

**Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee
Minutes of Monday, December 19, 2005**

The Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee met on Monday, December 19, 2005, in the First Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Government Center, 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present

Elizabeth Whiting, Chair
Sandy Kane, Vice Chair
Mary Ann Glennon
Gabe Kelemen
Town Council Member Susan Horne

Town Staff Present

Calvin Grow
Sean Baroody
Nick Colonna
Mark McCartney

Members of Public

Kara and Pete Garvey
Lisa Hawthorne
John Tett
Ed Fleming

The Committee welcomed new member Mary Ann Glennon and introduced themselves. Mary Ann Glennon noted that when she saw that the southwest quadrant position was vacant she invited John Tett, a Woodlea Manor resident with whom she volunteered at Simpson Middle School, to attend.

1. *Minutes:* On motion by Sandy Kane, seconded by Nick Colonna, the minutes for the November 14, 2005 meeting were approved, with new northwest member Mary Ann Glennon abstaining.

2. *Public Comment:* (i) Kara and Pete Garvey of 426 South King Street and Lisa Hawthorne of 416 South King Street presented an array of traffic problems including accidents that moved the Garvey house off its foundation, knocked out a light pole in front of their house, hit the Coffee Bean and the blue house on the opposite (west) side of S. King Street. Ms. Hawthorne also noted that the power pole at the W&OD crossing with South King Street keeps pedestrians and bicyclists from seeing cars and vice versa. They welcomed the forwarding of templates for pursuing the \$200.00 add-on speeding penalty. (ii) Ed Fleming of North King Street addressed the committee regarding issues arising from the proposed office building to be located on the Loudoun Hospital Cornwall campus. The Committee expressed their concern that, absent an invitation to comment on these issues, the matter is committed to the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and its support staff.

3. *Ad Hoc S.W. Subcommittee update:* The draft recommendation to the Town Council was circulated. Calvin Grow will forward it Dawn Barrett and, absent objection or requested changes, on to the Town Council.

4. *Safe-T-Ride ridership:* Calvin Grow reported that no report had been received from VRTA.

5. *Traffic Calming FY '06 Budget Update:* Liz Whiting reported that in his memo noting he may not make the meeting, Brian Rolston suggested that the committee look for funds

to allow the South King Street island to be built from FY '06 funds if a match for the extra funds, including the possibility of mid-year budget funds, could be met. When Liz Whiting raised this with Calvin Grow, he suggested that the estimates should be revisited but that it was likely that a version of the improvement (designed pursuant to earlier budget requests) could be fit into this year's budget allocation. *On motion by Sandy Kane, seconded by Nick Colonna*, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Town Council that the FY'06 budget for traffic calming be reallocated to construction of the South King Street island, as originally noted in Part 6 of the Residential Traffic Task Force Report (Landscaping/Signage Recommendations) and recommended as part of the first two SRTC budget requests. Liz Whiting will follow up with a letter to the Town Council.

6. *FY '07 Budget Request Update:* After discussion, the Committee asked that staff provide cost estimates and include the following projects in the FY '07 budget request:

- Construction of the Edwards Ferry Road/Plaza Street "pinchpoint" (Northeast Quadrant)
- First year installations of S.W. Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended improvements (Southwest Quadrant)
- Kincaid Boulevard traffic calming improvements (Southeast Quadrant)
- Update Traffic Management Plan from 2000 report by creating ranking system and creating pedestrian/bicyclist safety brochures
- Acquire one (1) voluntary speed compliance (speed check) unit
- Phase II of South King Street island device
- Northwest Quadrant traffic project (trail/sidewalk connection to Ida Lee Park)

7. *Smart trailer report:* Mark McCartney presented the results of the Smart trailer at Fort Evans Road and Tuliptree Square, which showed average speeds exceeding 31 mph with a maximum of 64 mph. Mark McCartney said that the Leesburg Police Department would continue to enforce the speed limit on Fort Evans Road.

8. *Potomac Station Drive at Tonquin Drive speeding update:* Calvin Grow presented the results of pedestrian counts and noted that even with the shortened daylight hours, it is clear that the middle and elementary schools are attracting large numbers of pedestrians. The Committee asked staff to report on potential devices, such as a red-light triggered by pedestrian signal, that might enhance safety at that location. For the longer run, the Committee suggested a fresh approach to evaluating school sites that acknowledges that they draw pedestrian and bicycle traffic and need to be sited so that these travelers can cross roads into the school properties.

10. *Speed studies:* Staff presented the results of follow-up speed studies for North King Street (enhanced penalty), Marshall Drive at Autumn Willow Way and Lawson Road at Beauregard Drive (raised crosswalks). Although all studies showed reduced average speeds (3, 2 and 4 mph, respectively) initially followed installation, a further follow-up on North King Street showed an upward creep of 1 mph. Speed studies for 416 South King Street conducted June 9-10, 2005, showed an average speed of 28 mph and an 85th

percentile speed of 34 mph.

11. *Review of Residential Traffic Management Plan:* Liz Whiting noted the late hour and suggested that this be carried over. In response to her inquiry, Calvin Grow reported that he had no response to his letter to Gary Gaither asking for a replacement appointment for Ricky Obaugh.

10. *Committee concerns:* Sandy Kane inquired about the follow-up to her report that the pedestrian buttons installed at the intersection of King and Market Streets did not appear to trigger the count-down function. Sean Baroody reported that staff had confirmed the malfunction and the manufacturer of the device/contractor who installed the device has been contacted to correct the software malfunction. Mary Ann Glennon inquired about establishing a crosswalk across Market Street in the vicinity of Memorial Drive and Calvin Grow confirmed that this is being installed from the FY '05 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, January 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Staff is to contact Liz Whiting if anything arises needing Committee consideration in the interim.